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ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, 1515 BATHURST STREET, TORONTO, ONTARIO M5P 3H4

FEBRUARY 1974

"Red" Kelly to Speak at Communion Breakfast Sunday, March 10th, 1974

Sunday, March 10th, has been set aside for this year's Alumni Family Communion Breakfast. Your Executive is pleased to advise you that "Red" Kelly, Coach of the Toronto Maple Leafs, has accepted an invitation to speak at this year's event.

Mass will be held in the School Chapel or Gymnasium at 10:00 a.m. with Breakfast to follow at 10:45 a.m. in the Cafeteria. There will be free skating in the Arena following the Breakfast until 1:30 p.m.

"Red" was a star hockey player at St. Michael's during the 1940's before embarking on an illustrious career in the N.H.L. During his years in the N.H.L., "Red" won the Lady Byng Trophy four times. He spent the last eight years of his playing career with the Toronto Maple Leafs before retiring in 1967 as a player to become the first coach of the Los Angeles Kings when the N.H.L. expanded. In 1969, he became coach of the Pittsburgh Penguins where he remained until January, 1973. "Red" joined the Leafs at the beginning of this season and presently has the team in strong playoff contention. "Red" Kelly has always displayed the qualities of a true gentleman and athlete which makes us, connected with St. Michael's, truly proud of him and we are looking forward to hearing him speak on March 10th.

We are also endeavouring to have one of the current Leaf players attend this year's Breakfast, as well as "Red". In addition, there will be a special draw for a pair of N.H.L. Hockey Tickets for the kids.

As we are confident that this will be a well-attended event this year, we request that you phone the following people **before Sunday March 3rd** for reservations:

Paul Thomson — home — 445-3396
office — 923-8461

Bill Rosenitsch — home — 489-5634

Turkey Roll — A Big Success

Once again, the opening event on the Alumni "Schedule of Events" was a big success. On Friday, December 7th, 1973 between three and four hundred Alumni members and their friends assembled in the School Gymnasium to renew old acquaintances and have a lot of fun. This year, fifty (50) turkeys were raffled off at $2.00 each and all were sold before 11:30 p.m. With the price of turkeys this year, this was a good buy.

For the first time, we asked that the $4.00 membership fee be paid as an admission charge and this proved very rewarding as we received $888.00 in paid-up memberships at the door to go along with the more than $1000.00 which had been received prior to the Turkey Roll. Guests were charged $2.00. The regular games of chance and free drinks and food were supplied by your Alumni Executive.

Our thanks go out to John Consitt and Michael Duffy, who acted as co-chairmen of this year's event and to Father Joseph Penny and St. Michael's College School authorities whose assistance helped to make this a truly successful evening. We also wish to thank all the teachers from the School who once again took full control of running the games at this year's event.

For a fun evening be sure to mark the first Friday of December, 1974 (Dec. 6th) on your calendar for our Next Turkey Roll and Annual Reunion.

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ALUMNI EXECUTIVE 1973-74

Moderator — Father Joseph Penny, C.S.B.
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Blue Banner Editor — Glenda Thomson

COMING EVENTS

Family Skating —
Every Sunday,
12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Communion Breakfast —
Sunday, March 10/74
Mass at 10:00 a.m. in gym

Car Draw —
Wednesday, May 29/74

PLAN AHEAD

Family Skating

Every Sunday from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. your Alumni Association has reserved the Arena for family skating. So far this year, we have had an enthusiastic group of skaters, averaging about 75-80 people, coming out every Sunday morning for a little exercise and a lot of fun. The cost of a Family Membership is $12.00 a season for a family of six or less. The weekly admission charge for those without a season pass is .50¢ per person at the door. There is still lots of time left in the season, so why not form a skating party of your family or friends and join us at the Arena Sundays at noon? All those who attend the Communion Breakfast on Sunday, March 10th will be allowed to skate FREE afterwards.

Alumni Room for Rent

Do you need a place to hold a meeting, throw a party or stag, etc.? Why not inquire about renting the Alumni Meeting Room above the Arena? The Alumni Room is fully furnished with chairs, a conference table and lounges. It is fully carpeted with a removable portion for dancing. There is also a kitchen and washroom off the main room and we eventually hope to install a television. The room is presently being rented every second Monday night and is used Wednesday evenings by the Wednesday Night Hockey Group. The usual cost of rental for an evening is a minimum of $25.00. Rates for regular rental are negotiable.

If you are interested in renting the Alumni Room, please call: Paul Thomson at 445-3396 (home) or 923-8461 (office).

Retiring Executive

We have recently been advised that we will be losing the services of our Treasurer, John Consitt, early next month due to the fact that John has been transferred to Kingston, Ontario by his employers, The Royal Bank of Canada. The Alumni Executive will certainly miss the hard work that John has displayed and the time he has devoted to the Alumni Association over the past few years. The Executive wishes John well in his new duties and has informed him that they will find a spot for him with the Alumni Association should he be transferred back to Toronto at some future date.

We have also been advised that, due to heavy business commitments, George Cormack and Gerald Day have found it necessary to tender their resignations as active members of our Alumni Executive. The Executive wishes to extend our utmost thanks to both George and Gerry for their outstanding work and assistance over the many years that they have both served on the Executive. We know that their association with St. Michael's will never die and they will always be welcomed back to the Executive should they find the time.

KERRY BLUES WIN AGAIN

In a tremendously thrilling and well-played game St. Michael's Senior Football Team, the Kerry Blues, won the TDCAA Championship by defeating Michael Power Trojans 26–25. This final game crowned a ten game season which saw the Kerry Blues come up with their best efforts in the season's final games. There were many players of exceptional ability on the finalist squads. In fact, all but two members of the League's offensive and defensive All-Star teams came from these two teams. Moreover, the League's high level of competition made it one of the most highly regarded Metro Conferences.

Mr. Tom Corrigan, father of one of the team's fine linesmen (Kevin) assumed Head Coaching duties three years ago. Tom made good use of the great talent which had come from successful Bantam and Junior Teams coached by Jack Fenn, Peter Morris, Paul Crawford, Cam MacLellan, Jack Rosati, et alii. This winning team of the 70's carried on the tradition of excellent sportsmanship which has been the sought-after mark of all teams and players wearing the Double Blue.

See if you recognize some names in the team line-up:

Joe Meschino, Mario Moro, John O'Hara, Dan Feraday, Roger Buckley, Pat Cavaliere, Rick Winnik, Marty Nicholls, Rick Forsayeth, Chris Bulger, Don Gesualdi, Rick Bozzato, Steve Masterson, Doug Brougham, Andy Rasilius, Mike McLaughlin, Dean Gamble, Jules Tonus, Bruno Zutautus, John Gregoire, Al Ruggero, Peter Higgins, Andy Kokelj, Mike Cook, Rod Lobraico, Angelo Costellan, Steve Cosic, Carmen Cornacchia, Leonard Lacey, Claudio Arduini, Andy Galica, Andy Sikorski, Hilary Ferreira, Hugh Jones, Kevin Corrigan, Alex Callus, Mike Muhic.

Coaches: *Mr. Tom Corrigan, Mr. P. Scandrett*
Fr. Rocco Volpe
Manager: *John Murnaghan*
Trainer: *Roman Turenko*
Athletic Director: *Fr. B. Sweeney*

Champs of the early '50's

The Championship cliffhangers at the CNE Stadium which gave St. Mikes a one point victory over Michael Power was a win for Double Blue football enthusiasts to savor for years to come. The event was neatly timed as well, coming on the 20th Anniversary of the 1954 Championship — the fifth consecutive conference title for the great Irish teams of the early fifties.

Naturally, the game has changed over two decades. When the hard-driving fullbacks, Leo McGuigan or Paul Roche, Gene Cuccia, or Tony Roman would burst through for a major, the scoreboard showed six points for a converted score. End sweeps by Willie Tathersall and Jack Fenn were made without the protection of the modern face bar and the mileage gained by Mike McDonald and Tony Holiano was ground out in the old hi-cut boots.

Those were the years of the great linemen — of the Harwich brothers, Frank and Ernie, George La Prairie, Bill Renard, of Barry Riordan and Tim Donovan, Brian Quealy and Mike Lisko. St. Mikes opened up the game with pass receivers John Harth, John Torecla, Chalky Clarke and Moe Butryn. Leading the passing attack were quarterbacks Al Sutton, Len McGravey, Lefty Reid, Frank Kielty and Justin McCarthy.

Joe Foreman left a spectacular record as a running back for the Kerry Blues to compete as a sprinter for Canada in the '56 Commonwealth games, and on to star on the track for Notre Dame. Gary Schreider went on to all-star status at Queens and a ten year career in the CFL, including a Grey Cup Championship with the Ottawa Rough Riders.

A lot of names out of the past — a string of championships — a lot of fun and pride and exhilaration in playing for St. Mikes.

The architect of the Irish teams of the early '50's was Cam McLellan, first as assistant to Lew Barnes, later as head coach. Cam has bounced back from a couple of heart attacks and has returned to the school to assist with the minor football program.

And so, from the players of the early '50's, a sincere "thanks, Coach" to you, Cam, and our best wishes to the Kerry Blues that '74 will mark the start of a new St. Mike's football dynasty.

St. Michael's Old-Timers Hockey Club prepare for Western Canada tour

The St. Michael's Old-Timers Hockey Club will make their first hockey tour in March when they will be visiting communities in Alberta and British Columbia.

The Old-Timers will be playing seven or eight games in ten days. Games have been tentatively scheduled in the following communities — Barrhead, Edson, Falher, Grand Prairie, High Prairie, St. Albert, and Westlock — Alberta, and Fort St. John, British Columbia. Fort Nelson, British Columbia may also be included in the schedule.

In addition to the hockey tour, the team will spend three days in Jasper, Alberta, a special treat for the experienced and rookie skiers on the club.

The Old-Timers have extended a special invitation to Les and Dick Duff to join their former linemate Brian Anderson, a regular with the club this season on this trip west.

St. Michael's Old-Timers 1974 Schedule

In addition to the western tour, the St. Michael's Old-Timers will be playing the following games in Ontario this season — Feb. 2nd, in Strathroy; Feb. 8th, in Tweed — 'Opening the Tweed Winter Carnival'; Feb. 17th, in Midland; Feb. 24th, in Barry's Bay; March 3rd, in Bracebridge; March 9th, in Sharon, and in April in Toronto.

This season the team has added the presentation of an Annual St. Michael's Sportsmanship Award to local community minor hockey associations to be presented annually by the respective minor hockey associations to a deserving player within their systems.

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